

Response to Restriction Requirement and Amendment
Application No. 10/006,017
Amendment dated June 21, 2004
Reply to Office Action of May 19, 2004
Attorney Docket No. 717901.19

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended). A mat suitable for use as a playing surface, the mat comprising a support matrix and a filler material, wherein the support matrix comprises paper-maché, and the support matrix and the filler material are admixed uniformly in the mat.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Previously Presented). The mat as claimed in claim 1, wherein the support matrix comprises an array of close-packed tubes that are packed with the filler material.

4. (Previously Presented) The mat as claimed in claim 3, wherein the tubes are formed from a porous material.

5. (Previously Presented). The mat as claimed in claim 3, wherein adjacent tubes are attached to one another.

6. (Previously Presented). The mat as claimed in claim 3, wherein the tubes have lateral perforations.

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7. (Currently Amended). The mat as claimed in claim 1, wherein the filler material comprises at least one filler material selected from the group consisting of paper-mache sand, grit, polymer beads, soil, loam, sphagnum moss, peat, wood chips or shavings, sawdust, and clay.

8. (Currently Amended). The mat as claimed in claim 1, wherein the filler material comprises a fibrous material.

9. (Previously Presented). The mat as claimed in claim 1, wherein the mat is seeded with grass.

10. (Currently Amended). A method of making a mat for use as a playing surface, the method comprising ~~adding a filler material to a support matrix, and heating or drying the support matrix and filler material.~~ mixing together a filler material and a support matrix, the support matrix comprising paper-maché, and heating or drying the mixture, characterized in that the filler material and the support matrix are uniformly admixed.

11. (New). The mat as claimed in claim 1, wherein the filler material comprises a mixture of 0% to 100% sand and 0% to 100% soil.